

Proclamation
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has many dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need, and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment, and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board, at its February 12, 2013, meeting, unanimously approved a motion recommending the County Board of Supervisors adopt this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2013 to be Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.